

**Budget Message Section** 

# **CORE VALUES**

The vision, mission and goals of the City of Hartford will be guided by the following core values:

# **INTEGRITY**

- Demonstrating honesty and sincerity in all of our dealings
- Upholding only the highest ethical principles
- Making decisions that reflect the highest standards of transparency, proper stewardship and accountability of resources

# **TEAMWORK**

- Working in full cooperation and mutual support that inspires trust and respect to achieve a common goal
- Providing an atmosphere that encourages educated and informed employees
- Creating a collaborative work environment that promotes sharing, creativity, and openness to new ideas
- Continually enhancing community partnerships to involve constituents in our decisions and initiatives

### **EXCELLENCE**

- Delivering every product and service of city government in an outstanding manner
- Developing a quality workforce that reflects the community at-large
- Continually seeking and implementing cutting edge procedures and technologies that improve our efficiency and productivity

### **RESPECT**

- Showing consideration or regard for all individuals or institutions
- Being courteous, tolerant and appreciative
- Accepting individual differences



Eddie A. Perez Mayor

To the Residents of Hartford:

The Court of Common Council's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 illustrates a comprehensive outline of how your tax dollars are being invested so that all of Hartford's residents and neighborhoods can benefit, grow, and prosper.

During the course of developing this budget plan, we addressed your concerns about crime, education, and economic development by making these areas our highest priorities. The approved budget includes funding for eighty (80) additional police officers, an overall projected increase of \$3,654,125 for the Board of Education, funding for updating Neighborhood Revitalization Zone plans, and funding to assist neighborhood retail areas interested in creating Business Improvement Districts.

The budget also focuses on essential goals to create employment opportunities through economic development, stimulation of residential development (particularly homeownership), improvement of city health and cleanliness, deliver effective and efficient services to the public and ensure fiscal accountability.

The Court of Common Council's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is a sound management plan, strategically designed to ultimately achieve positive results. It is an action plan that allows us to measure, monitor, evaluate, and report our current and upcoming successes. It is an investment in our future.

Sincerely.

Eddie A. Perez

Mayor